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Embassy received morning 31st letter dated October 30 addressed President Kennedy signed President Luis A. Somoza with request to transmit by telegraph. Embassy translation follows:

BEGIN VERBATIM TEXT

"Dear Mr. President

"I have the honor to refer to your expressive letter dated October 22 which I have carefully read and which I have fully identified with the grave preoccupation besetting the governments and peoples of America because of present situation in the Island of Cuba.

"The concepts of your letter and the contents of the very important statements which you addressed to the people of the US of America and to the world on the night of October 22 are a faithful expression of the serious threat to the security and freedom of the American peoples represented by the offensive military equipment which Russia has succeeded in installing in America with the unmentionable complicity of representatives of the Cuban political regime.

"As we all now understand the installation of Soviet offensive

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arms in Cuba which has provoked the just reaction of the Government over which you worthily preside, and of the entire continent, is one aspect of communist infiltration in America carefully carried out in accordance with a plan of domination having as its principle objective the establishment of communist regimes of the same character as that headed by Fidel Castro.

"My government and the people of Nicaragua are fully in accord with the points of view expressed by your Excellency; they support in all their phases the measures you have adopted in the face of the situation created by the strengthening of communist offensive power in Cuban territory, and I believe that the measures recently adopted by your government and supported by the American states represent a beginning to be followed by others capable of eradicating the danger which communist expansion represents through the prolonged continuation of the ideological base which Russia has established in Cuba.

"This is the opinion of my government which on this occasion I take the liberty of expressing to you. My government's attitude is based upon this opinion in its willingness to share with the other peoples and governments of America any future action lending to the attainment of the objective heretofore identified.

"Indeed this opinion is fundamentally the same as that which my government has maintained since the Cuban problem presented itself and the decisiveness with which my government has faced the problem heretofore will not have varied in the future.

"I have in the past few days held several conversations with your Ambassador in Nicaragua, Mr. Aaron S. Brown, in which I have unreservedly given him my ideas concerning the Cuban affair.

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"I am convinced that the success you have achieved with your energetic decision that Russian military installations in Cuba be dismantled will be a factor of great significance for the security of our continent and the defense of Western civilization."

"I take this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration."

Sincerely, signed Luis A. Somoza D."

END VERBATIM TEXT.

Original of President Somoza's letter and English translation prepared in his office being pouched.

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